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November 26, 2019

Mr. Charles D. Ledford

Dear Mr. Ledford,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated November 19, 2019, with your water/sewer bill attached. Your correspondence will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

Future correspondence sharing your water/sewer bill will be posted to the Docket without an acknowledgement letter.

 <u>Docket No. 2019-290-WS</u>- Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

You can follow the individual Docket at the link listed below:

Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates - <a href="https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247">https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247</a>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Executive Assistant

Fort Mill, South Carolina 29708

November 19, 2019

Commissioners
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29201

Ref: Utilities Inc./Carolina Water/Blue Granite

Dear Commissioners:

I would like for you to share in the joy of receiving an outrageous water/sewer bill!

\$144.54

# **Enough Is Enough!!**

Sincerely,

Charles D. Ledford

Copy: current water/sewer bill

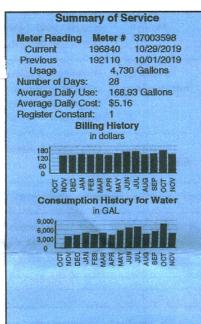
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**Blue Granite Water Company** Customer Service: (800) 367-4314 Collections: (800) 367-4314 Emergency Phone: (800) 367-4314 www.bluegranitewaterco.com

Bill Date	Account Number	I Due Date	Please Pay	7
11/12/2019		2/09/2019	\$144.54	
Name C D LEDFCPP		7		
Service Address		29708		
Activity Since Last Bill				
Previous Balance		\$176.99		
Payments received as of 11/12/2019			-\$176.99	
Balance as of 11/12/201	19		\$0.0	00
Residential Water Service	ce			
Water Base Charge			\$28.59	
4,730 gallons at \$10.27			\$48.58	
Safe Drinking Water Act Fee			\$2.29	
Total Residential Water Service			\$79.4	16
Residential Wastewater			005.00	
Wastewater Service Total Residential Wastewater			\$65.08 \$65.0	
Total Amount Due	water		\$144.5	-
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A fee of 1.5% per month will be added if unpaid by the due date. Make check payable to: Blue Granite Water Company. Rate Schedules are available upon request. Visit www.bluegranitewaterco.com for important account offerings.

The Company is under the jurisdiction of the PSC. You may contact the ORS at 800-922-1531 with any complaints that remain unresolved after 7 days.





PO Box 160609 Altamonte Springs, FL 32716-0609 1544

Account	Number

Due Date:

12/09/2019

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Please Pay:

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Address correction requested on back

Blue Granite Water Company PO BOX 11025 **LEWISTON ME 04243-9476** 

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

#### **CLERK'S OFFICE**

## REVISED NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES (Notice to Customers)

#### **DOCKET NO. 2019-290-WS**

## Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval of an Adjustment in Rate Schedules and an Increase in Rates

On October 2, 2019, Blue Granite Water Company ("Blue Granite" or the "Company") filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") an application requesting authority to adjust its rate schedules and to increase its rates ("Application"). The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-5-240 and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-712(4)(A) and 103-512(4)(A).

In its Application, the Company states that recent major capital projects needed to improve service to customers, increases in costs for third-party purchased water and wastewater treatment, increases in property taxes related to capital investment, and updates to depreciation rates, have made it necessary to request a net increase in retail revenues. The Company has invested approximately \$23 million in its water and wastewater infrastructure since the last rate case, filed in November 2017. Blue Granite's request includes a one-time credit to customers resulting from the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in the amount of \$10.64. Blue Granite also proposes to implement annual rate adjustment procedures for Purchased Water Charges and Purchased Wastewater Treatment Charges, and for authority to continue to defer the Company's purchased water and wastewater treatment expenses (above or below the amounts reflected in rates) caused by changes in third party provider rates, until such expenses are reflected in rates. The Company also makes other requests in its Application, including seeking authority to defer costs related to the decommissioning of certain assets, to establish a storm reserve fund, to include in its tariff the treatment of taxes on contributions in aid of construction, to change its pumping charge for solids interceptor tanks to reflect actual costs, and to implement an opt-in "Round Up" program to assist customers in need.

Blue Granite seeks to recover additional annual revenues resulting from third-party purchased water and wastewater treatment, as well as revenues resulting primarily from investments in infrastructure needed to serve customers, for a total requested annual revenue increase of \$11,731,803. This results in an annual revenue increase for Service Territory 1 Water of \$3,636,850, for Service Territory 2 Water of \$1,939,107, and for Consolidated Sewer of \$6,155,846. Blue Granite also proposes to separately bill for and receive annual revenues to recover third-party purchased water and wastewater treatment costs. Applicable water service customers are designated as "Distribution Only", and applicable sewer service customers are designated as "Collection Only" in the proposed tariff rates below:

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